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PURCHASERS OF GERMAN NUCLEAR POWER STATIONS

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1. SUMMARY: SENIOR FRG OFFICIAL OUTLINED GERMAN
COMMITMENTS FOR SUPPLY OF ENRICHED URANIUM FOR REACTORS
SOLD TO BRAZIL. HE EMPHASIZED THAT FRG FORESEES NO
PROBLEMS IN MEETING ITS OBLIGATIONS IN THIS RESPECT.
END SUMMARY.

2. AS NOTED IN REF B, BRAZIL MUST SUPPLY ITS OWN
URANIUM AND RETAINS THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR DECISIONS
ABOUT THE PROCUREMENT OF URANIUM ENRICHMENT SERVICES.
FRG HAS MADE ONLY ONE SPECIFIC COMMITMENT, CONTAINED
IN ONE OF THE BILATERAL AGREEMENTS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN
RELEASED. GOB HAS BEEN OFFERED AN OPTION FOR THE
URENCO ENRICHMENT SERVICES NEEDED FOR THE FIRST FOUR
NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS TO BE SUPPLIED BY THE FRG. FRG
IS AWARE THAT BRAZIL HOLDS CONDITIONAL CONTRACTS WITH
ERDA FOR THE FIRST TWO OF THESE REACTORS. ACCORDING
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TO SCHMIDT-KUESTER (AS OF APRIL 1, HE BECOMES "ASSIST-

ANT SECRETARY" FOR ENERGY, RAW MATERIALS, PRODUCTION TECHNOLOGY, BIOLOGY, ECOLOGY AND MEDICINE IN BMFT--A ONE STEP PROMOTION), FRG HOPES THAT GOB WILL TURN TO URENCO AND PICK UP ITS OPTION FOR AT LEAST ONE OF THESE FIRST TWO REACTORS. THIS DECISION MIGHT BE MADE IN 1976.

3. FRG SEES NO PROBLEM IN FULFILLING THIS OPTION, SHOULD GOB REQUIRE URENCO ENRICHMENT SERVICES FOR ALL FOUR OF THE FIRST GERMAN POWER PLANTS. BEYOND THIS, IT WOULD BE EVEN EASIER TO SUPPLY ENRICHMENT SERVICES FOR THE LAST FOUR OF THE EIGHT NUCLEAR POWER STATIONS ENVISIONED IN THE FRG-BRAZIL TRANSACTION. IN THAT TIME FRAME, FRG COULD EASILY INVEST IN THE ADDITIONAL CAPACITY REQUIRED BY URENCO (SEE PARA 4 REFTEL).

4. FOR THE MORE DISTANT FUTURE, HOWEVER, SCHMIDT-KUESTER SAID THAT BRAZIL HOPES TO SUPPLY SOME OF THE REQUIRED URANIUM ENRICHMENT SERVICES IN ITS OWN "JET-NOZZLE" DEMONSTRATION PLANT WHICH IS TO HAVE A CAPACITY OF ABOUT 200 TONNES SWU.

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